

*Pastoral Letter from the
Most Rev. the Archbishop of Sydney*

ST. ANDREW'S-TIDE MISSIONARY INTERCESSION

Monday, 29th November, 1937

The Call to Prayer for the Missionary work of the Church is sounded to-day in a world of unrest and turmoil, threatened by the fever of war and destruction.

We are watching two Oriental nations, close neighbours of each other—and of Australia—fighting desperately for the mastery, while we, lands of the West, who have taught them our Western methods of warfare, are wondering what the end may be and how long we may remain onlookers.

We have also taught them, through our Christian missions, the ideals of our Christian Faith, and, in consequence, national Churches have arisen in both these countries, so that we are watching not only Chinese and Japanese but fellow-Christians—members of our world-wide Church—fighting each other.

They need our prayers. I bid you, as fellow-Christians, to unite in prayer for them. Great spiritual forces may be released, through them, to conquer the material forces which are destroying the peace of the world, and which are creating a world situation of the most grave and critical nature. The missionary work of the Church in every land may be the instrument of God for releasing His power among the nations and hastening the day when the Prince of Peace shall reign. Let us use the special opportunity given to us on November 29th to meet in St. Andrew's Cathedral for Intercession.

The day will open with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m., followed by continuous guided Intercession lasting till 5.30 p.m.

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To be read on two Sundays in Church.